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The C A R C meets the third Wednesday of the month at 7:30 PM.

NEXT MEETING IS APRIL 17th at the EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS CENTER.

MOONBASE AMERICA

To the members that did not attend the March meeting, shame on you. You missed hearing all about a National Educational Project that was the most interesting and attentive program ever presented at a club meeting. No heads were seen nodding and all eyes and ears were trained on Mrs Carolyn Staudt, Project Director for MOONBASE AMERICA, an Educational Project in conjunction with NASA, as she explained just what the project was all about.

The project involves researching, using computers to collect and analyze data, studying ecological systems, solving problems before and during the week-long simulation within the moonbase, experimenting in the physical sciences and communicating all findings, to the Command Center outside the structure.

The basic structure includes one large 50' diameter dome, connected by corridors to eight 25' offshoot pods. Two of the pods will be reserved for sleeping quarters, while the others will be devoted to the experimental labs, the fish hatchery and hydroponics plant, food preparation, recreation, energy and waste management and space science

medicine.

The large 50' dome will house the computers, communications (Amateur Radios to talk to the outside world, over 60 students in the project have obtained their Amateur license), and government departments.

Eighty four students will live inside this complex for seven days, simulating living and researching on the moon.

The project will cost a lot of money, but the hands-on opportunity that the students will encounter, will be priceless to hundreds of students that will be participating. In order to help raise funds, they sponsored a Hamfest in March, are selling souvenirs and are raffling off a vacation trip for two to Scottsdale Arizona with round-trip airfare, one-week stay in a 4 bedroom furnished house and one week car rental. The drawing will be on April 22, 1991. If you are interested in the raffle or wish to purchase one of the souvenirs, write to MOONBASE AMERICA Souvenirs, Copley High School, 3807 Ridgewood Road, Copley, OH 44321. Do it now as April 22 is just around the corner.

There will be an open house on Sunday afternoon April 14th, with opening ceremonies on Tuesday the 16th at 10:00 AM, with Al Worden (Command Module Pilot on the Apollo 15 moon mission) as the key-note speaker.

FOX HUNTS

Now that Spring is here, John WX8G, Fox Hunt Chairman, wishes to announce that the 1991 hunts will start on Sunday April 14th at 2:30 PM, in the parking lot of the Stark County Safety Bldg and the Emergency Operating Center. Please come 20 or 30 minutes early to get registered.

John needs to know how many hunters are out there so all may be accounted for at the end of the hunt. Come out and get bit by the "FOX-HUNT BUG". It is challenging and a lot of fun.

SKYWARN

On March 20th, the annual Tornado Drill was held at 10:10 AM. Many schools and communities held drills and sirens were heard in some areas. The EBS system was activated to start the drill.

Amateur Radio Skywarn Nets were activated to see how many checkins we could get from each county in the National Weather Service's jurisdiction, a total of 15 counties. We can reach 11 of these on two meters. Stark County had the largest number of checkins with 52, Holmes 20, Wayne 18, Summit 17, Coshocton 13, Tuscarawas 7, Portage 2, Carroll 2, with no activity or report from Belmont, Guernsey or Harrison Counties. We got into their repeaters but could not get anybody to reply so they were reported as NO REPORT.

Then on Wednesday the 27th, we were under a Tornado Watch and a

High Wind Warning and was at the National Weather Service office, on stand-by for four hours just monitoring for any reports and keeping our eye on the radar screen. Fortunately, the storm went North into Canada, with only a few short thunder storms in our area. We had wind damage in several areas.

Remember, when the skies look threatening, turn on that two meter rig and monitor your local Skywarn Net, while keeping your eye on the sky. Report FUNNEL CLOUDS, TORNADOES, or WALL CLOUDS (confirmed or suspected), HAIL more than 1/2 inch in diameter, WINDS 45 mph or greater and HEAVY RAINS one inch or more per hour.

Tornado season is here and your report could save lives. In the near future, there will be a Skywatch Training Session for the newcomers and to refresh the memories of the previously trained. It will be announced on the Mutual Aid Net and the Tuesday ARES net.

NEW FEATURE

I am happy to announce we have a contributing editor that has taken on the task of informing us a little more about some of our members of CARC. At the present, he wishes to remain anonymous to add to the intrigue. The mystery man's contributions will be in future issues, as space permits. They will be signed "Ole Otis", look for the "IOTAS" articles.

CARC MARCH MEETING MINUTES

The March 20, 1991 regular meeting of the Canton Amateur Radio Club was called to order at 7:32 PM by President Myron Koyle N8DHT, at the Emergency Preparedness Center. A round of introductions followed with 36 members and 6 guests in attendance.

EMERGENCY COORDINATOR REPORT - Dave Beltz W8BAYE, outlined his proposal for upgrading the club's Emergency Communications equipment at the E.D.C. His proposal included 40 feet of tower, 2 Diamond dual band antennas, feedline and miscellaneous hardware and connectors.

A motion was made by Chuck Henley N8LIV and seconded by Jack Wade N8LCS, to permit Dave Beltz W8BAYE, to proceed with the purchase and installation of the tower and antennas at a cost not to exceed \$1500.00. After much discussion, and a recommendation by the club that a "Hold Harmless Agreement" be worked out with the county, the motion passed.

SECRETARY'S REPORT - There were no additions or corrections to the minutes of the February meeting and they were approved as published.

TREASURER'S REPORT - The club's treasury stands at \$7400.00.

TORNADO DRILL - Bill Parks K8JZN, reported on the results of the morning's Tornado Drill. The Stark County area reported 51 check-ins, Summit County reported 25, Holmes County 20, Wayne County 18, Coshocton County 13 and Tuscarawas County 9.

Larry Schmader K8RMY, introduced the club's newest members, Lee Covert KA8FTM and Kent Rothermel KB8LNG. WELCOME.

50/50 DRAWING - Scott Mathews N8JSK, won \$17.00.

John Meyers WX8G, reported that the first CARC FOX HUNT of the year will be April 14, 1991 at 2:30 PM at the E.O.C.

With no further business to come before the club, the meeting adjourned.

Jerry Shrigley KA8AHF, introduced the speakers for the evening, Mrs Carolyn Staudt and Lenny Mack KB8KTC, from the "MOONBASE AMERICA" Project.

Respectfully Submitted By
Jerry Shrigley KA8AHF
CARC Secretary

REMINDER NO.1 - IF YOU MOVE OR HAVE A CHANGE OF ADDRESS, PLEASE SEND THE EDITOR THE CHANGE AS THIRD CLASS MAIL WILL NOT BE FORWARDED. You may have noticed, a new stamp was on the March mailing "ADDRESS CORRECTION REQUESTED". Results, two Feedlines were returned to sender and the club had to pay first class mail rate for the return.

REMINDER NO. 2 - If you wish to join or re-new your membership in the Amateur Radio Relay League, PLEASE DO SO THROUGH THE CANTON AMATEUR RADIO CLUB. The CARC gets to keep \$2.00 for the club treasury.

REMINDER NO. 3 - If you have envelopes at the QSL Bureau in Columbus, send them additional stamps to cover the increase in postal rates. The address is:

8th AREA QSL BUREAU
P.O. BOX 182165
COLUMBUS OH 43218-2165

IOTAS abt KD8XD JULIUS ERDOS-

Julius is no "spring chicken", but then on the other hand he is not an "ancient mariner" either. He was born in 1924 into a beautiful Hungarian family having four sisters and one brother.

Like so many of us born at this time, he learned very quickly that hard work was the name of the game and he accepted it as part of the game. As a youngster, he took on all kinds of odd jobs and then when his back became strong enough he started to caddy. Now he was in the big money and he worked hard at it. The man that owned the golf course kind of took Julius under his wing and taught him the "ins and outs" of handling the problems that are involved in the operation of a course. Soon, Julius was not only supervising the caddies but was handling the club house too, mind you he was still in school.

He excelled in his studies in school and won the Industrial Award

for his class--received \$10.00 for that. The people at the golf course wanted him to come to work for them on a full time basis but there were others that wanted him too.

A golfing enthusiast named Mr. Bayley, that played often, had been keeping his eye on "Ceasar" and when he found out that Julius had graduated, he approached him and asked him if he would like to go to work for him. Now Julius was between a rock and a hard place--on the one hand the golf course wanted him--free golf to boot--and on the other hand the opportunity to learn a trade and go on to who knows where. He picked the latter--

Four years after he signed on with Jackson-Bayley, he had his Machinist card. Four years after that he was the Foreman. Four years after that he was the manager of the Service shop. Four years after that he was a Vice-President and Plant Manager-(Julius sure did like to work on a four year cycle, didn't he?). Twelve years (another multiple of four huh?) he was promoted to Vice-President of Customer Service. This was the position that he retired from in 1986.

During the war, he was the crew chief of a B-29 called "Sittin Pretty". This plane never missed a mission due to need of parts or repairs. Like every job that he had in life, he took this job serious too.

He married his lovely wife Helen in 1947 and had two sons, Jim and Paul. They have one grandson who is their pride and joy.

Julius has been a Ham now since about 1983 and at the present time he is all wrapped up in Packet. This is not to say that he does not become involved in all the other aspects of radio too.

Julius is always there to lend a hand and to render a handshake. He will always shake your hand the first time that he sees you in the morning and if he sees you later in the day you will receive a handshake again. It's always a pleasure to shake your hand Julius and we hope that you and Helen continue to enjoy your retirement.

--Ole Otis--

QSL INFORMATION

Thanks to the ARRL, we have an Out-going QSL Bureau and an In-coming QSL Bureau. They both work differently so will try to explain the proper way to use them.

OUT-GOING DX QSL BUREAU - If you are a member of the Canton Amateur Radio Club (you must be or you would not receive this newsletter; Hi) and a member of the ARRL, you can mail out your DX QSL cards for free. Kay WBLNK is our club manager for this service. Please use the following guidelines:

Prepare your cards and give them to Kay WBLNK along with your MOST RECENT QST MAILING LABEL (this is a must, even if you are only sending one card). Kay would like to have enough cards to send at any one time to make it worth while. The cost is absorbed by the club for the

postage and the \$2.00 processing fee to the ARRL. A real bargain for you members.

IN-COMING 8TH DISTRICT QSL BUREAU - This is an all volunteer service. Prepare at least two (or more if you expect a large amount of cards) 5" x 7 1/2" to 6" x 9 1/2" envelopes (no smaller - no larger). In the upper left hand corner, print your call letters in bold print at least 1/2 inch high. It is a SASE, so put on your mailing address complete and a 29 cent stamp. This amount of postage will handle 6 to 8 cards. When the bureau sends your last envelope, it will be marked "LAST ENVELOPE AT BUREAU", so you can prepare some more envelopes.

The QSL Bureau does not handle USA to USA cards unless from bonafide QSL managers. The address to send these envelopes is:

8th AREA QSL BUREAU
P.O. BOX 182165
COLUMBUS, OHIO 43218-2165

A TRUE STORY from NEBBS by WA2PVV as printed in IARC and MASER NEWS

Last week the daughter of a friend of mine called her dad with the following scary story.....

She owns a 1 to 2 foot tall cactus house plant - a bulbous type, smooth skinned with a few warts but no needles. She feeds it about 1/2 cup of water once a week and has for 2 or 3 years.

Last week, after watering the plant, she was startled to notice it wiggling a bit and "humming" !! She called her local florist to ask what could be the meaning of that strange behavior by her placid house plant.

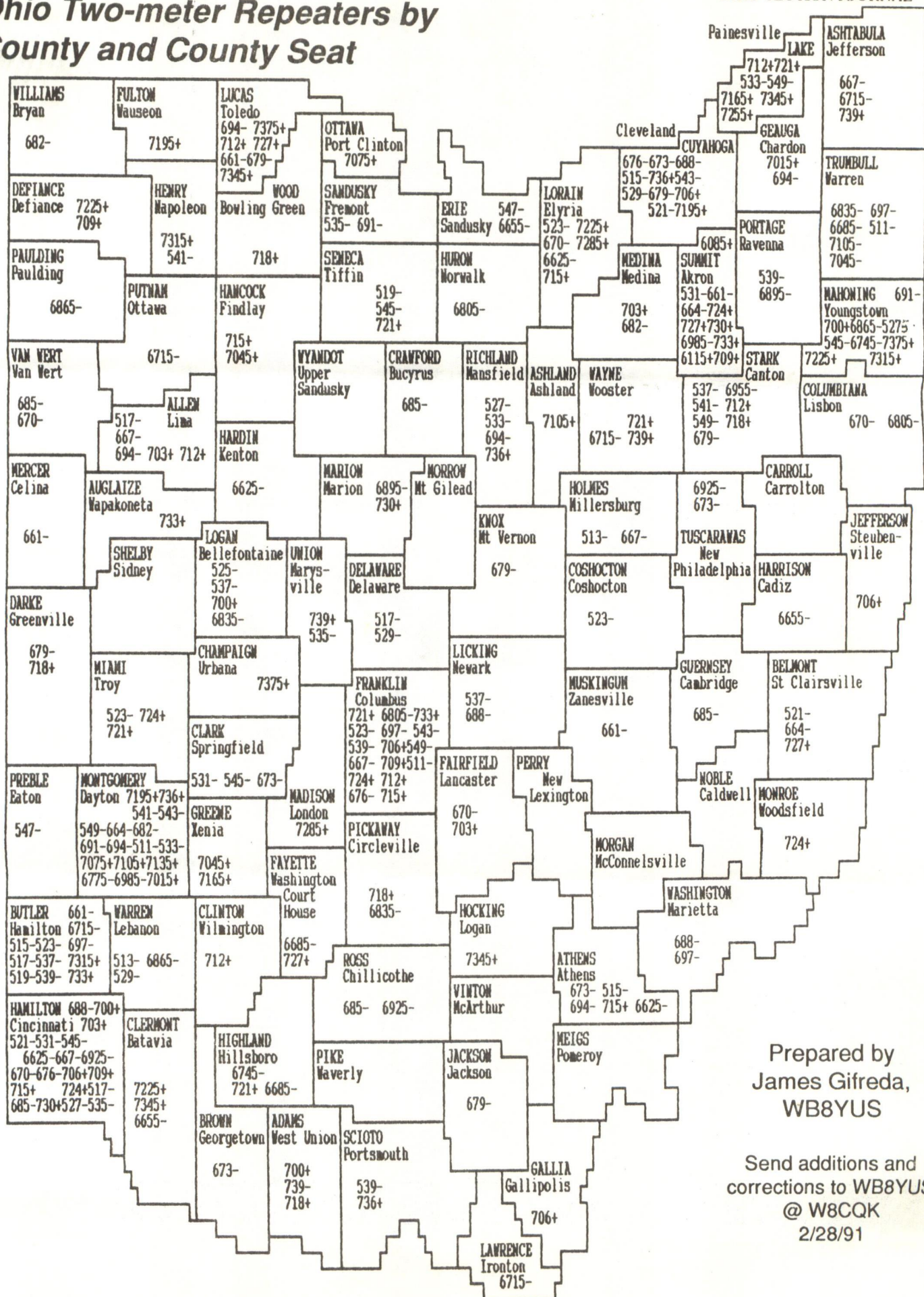
"GIVE ME YOUR NAME AND ADDRESS AND GET OUT OF YOUR HOUSE AT ONCE - DON'T EVEN WAIT TO GET AN OVERCOAT - LEAVE AT ONCE. CLOSE THE DOOR AND CALL ME FROM A NEIGHBOR'S!!"

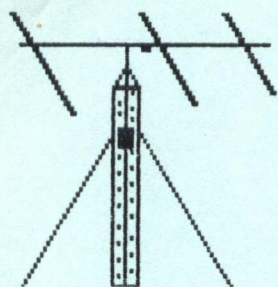
Thoroughly frightened she did as instructed and called when she arrived at her neighbor's home. "The exterminator is on the way to your home", she was informed. "What you have is a cactus that is ready to literally explode at any moment. It is jammed full of thousands of baby tarantula poisonous spiders! Should the plant explode, your home will be unlivable from that point on - you would never find them all. They are extremely poisonous and that is how they breed - in that variety of cactus plant!"

When the exterminator arrived, he first sprayed the plant with poison and then quickly put it in a large plastic bag and filled the bag with poison gas. The cactus exploded and the bag filled to capacity and then slowly deflated. None of the tarantulas escaped. Had the plant exploded at night when she was home asleep, there is no telling of the ensuing havoc!

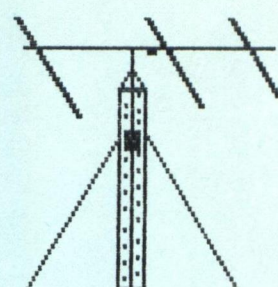
How many of us would have just shrugged it off? Do you have any friends who have smooth-skinned cactus plants in their home??

Ohio Two-meter Repeaters by County and County Seat





MAY 1991 CANTON ARC



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			1 CFARC QCWA NET	2 TUSCO RC ALLN RC	3 MARC 8PM	4 W8RAS ANNI 10/10 CW QSO
5 MUTUAL AID NET 10/10 CW QSO	6	7 ARES 7PM SDXA 8PM	8 QCWA NET	9 ESC N&I 9PM GARC	10	11 WB8VGE BD
12 MUTUAL AID NET MOTHER'S DAY MEDINA HAMFEST	13 TRUSTEE'S MTG ELYRIA RC	14 ARES 7PM	15 CARC 7:30PM CFARC	16 ESC N&I 9PM TUSCO & SARA	17 N8MAR BD	18 CHAPTER 21 QCWA DINNER
19 MUTUAL AID NET K8RMY BD MARY KRUG BD WHEELING HAMFEST	20 NOARS	21 ARES 7PM B&W RC	22 PORTAGE RC QCWA NET W88DBI ANNI K8Z ANNI	23 ESC N&I 9PM K8UDO ANNI	24 K88XD ANNI K8Z BD K88HLB BD	25 STARK CO EXAMS N8KNW BD CQ WW WPX CW CONTEST
26 MUTUAL AID NET CQ WW WPX CW CONTEST	27 MEMORIAL DAY	28 ARES 7PM WB8HHP BD	29 QCWA NET	30 ESC N&I 9PM	31	